



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
April 22, 2009**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Soth called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:05 p.m., at the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Co-Chair Soth welcomed newly appointed commissioner, Rolando Sanchez to the Commission on Youth and Children. Commissioner Sanchez represents the 8th District and is a student at Jordan High School.

Present: Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co-Chair

Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co Vice-Chair

Bryant Daron, 2nd District Youth
Michael Diaz, 5th District Youth
Helen Ingram, Education
Marty Isozaki, Job Training
Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services

Megan McDonnell, 3rd District Youth
Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education
Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice

Absent: *Excused – Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co-Chair*
Excused – Ana Mora, 9th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair
Excused – Leslie Barnes, 1st District Youth
Excused – Jessica Quintana, Parent
Excused – Victor Perez, Health
Excused – Stephanie Viramontes, 7th District Youth

VACANT, 6th District Youth

VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Joe Batarse, Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services,
Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Community Recreation Services,
Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Phil T. Hester, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests: Second District Councilwoman, Suja Lowenthal
Heather Blackmun, Office of Second District Councilwoman Suja Lowenthal
Veronica Servin, Office of Eighth District Councilmember Rae Gabelich

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Daron to approve the March 25, 2009 minutes, with a noted correction by Commissioner Daron. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no public comments

IV. GUEST SPEAKER – SECOND DISTRICT COUNCILWOMAN SUJA LOWENTHAL

Councilwoman Lowenthal thanked the Commission for inviting her to the meeting. She gave a brief description of the area that she represents. Councilwoman Lowenthal spoke about the way City Council is changing, as well as the diversity of the City. Councilwoman Lowenthal stated that although her constituents are not school age, she does try to host events that are geared towards youth and gave a history on some of the events that the Second District office hosted, as well as provided updates on current activities. She also mentioned that she is actively pursuing the addition of a new permanent skateboard area at Bixby Park. Councilwoman Lowenthal praised the Long Beach Unified School District for being a finalist of the Broad Prize. In conclusion, Councilwoman Lowenthal thanked the Commission for letting her attend and highlighting the events taking place within the Second District.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission

Mr. Batarse reported that the monthly report was included in the agenda packet.

VI. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Soth

Co-Chair Soth informed the CYC that she attended the ReThinking Long Beach’s demonstration of their data system where she had the opportunity to view the different information that is available on the data system.

Co-Chair Soth also reported that she attended the City Council meeting to hear the presentation on the Week of the Young Child.

Co-Chair urged the commissioners to complete the questionnaire.

B. Co-Chair Summerville

Co-Chair Summerville was not present to report.

VII. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. **Executive Committee** Co-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Co Vice-Chairs Turrentine and Mora, Commissioner Meyer

Note: The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m. in Joe Batarse's office at Recreation Golf Course (5001 Deukmejian Drive, Long Beach, 90804).

Commissioner Turrentine reported that the Executive Committee spent most of the meeting speaking with Becki Nadybal regarding the Profile. The Executive Committee was able to come up with a list of topics that the Profile Committee needs to discuss with Becki.

B. Special Committees

1. **Long Beach Youth Fund Committee** - Commissioners Ingram, McAlpin, Mora, Summerville, Daron, McDonnell, Barnes, Viramontes, Sanchez, and Diaz

Commissioner Ingram reported that the Youth Fund Committee reviewed and made changes to the guidelines. A draft will be distributed to the Commission at the next monthly meeting for recommendations.

2. **Profile Committee** Commissioners Soth, Summerville, Mora, McAlpin, Daron, Perez,

The Profile Committee did not meet.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. **District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings**

Commissioner Diaz reported that the lake cleanup held on April 4, which was co-hosted by the Fifth District Youth Council and the Lakes, Ponds and Wetlands Task Force, was successful.

Commissioner Sanchez reported that the Eight District Youth Advisory Council participated in a neighborhood cleanup, which was hosted by former Eighth District youth commissioner, Philip Penn. Approximately 18 tons of trash was collected from surrounding neighborhoods. In addition, he reported that the Youth Council distributed flyers regarding recent sightings of coyotes and provided a list of precautionary measures that residents can take. Commissioner Sanchez also reported on upcoming events taking place in the Eighth District.

2. Long Beach GRIP Project Advisory Council - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville, McDonnell

Commissioner Rothenberg reported that the Advisory Council met for the first time. An ad-hoc committee was formed to review the by-laws of the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force. He also informed the CYC that elections would be held at the next meeting. The Advisory Council meeting will now be held quarterly; the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8.

Commissioner Rothenberg welcomed youth commissioners to attend the meetings.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner McAlpin reported that she attended a California Endowment meeting regarding race issues and how to deal with them. In addition, she reported on an event that is taking place at the Pyramid, which will focus on race.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. LIST OF COMMUNITY EVENTS – YOUTH REPRESENTATION

Co-Chair Soth read off a list of events that she felt the CYC might want to have youth commissioners attend and asked commissioners for their suggestions.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Soth adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to the next meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

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